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Attention Class of 2020

The Wabash Plain Dealer is launching an interactive campaign to celebrate our Wabash County seniors! With COVID-19 disrupting graduation plans and daily life for our students, we want to do something special to commemorate their hard work and memories. We are posting photo challenges at www.facebook.com/wabashpd and the best submissions will be featured on our website and in a special section published at the end of the school year. Submit your favorite memories to news@wabashplainedealer.com or post your memories and photos to your social media page using the hashtag #WCClassof2020 to participate.

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Holcomb extends stay-at-home order to May 1

The stay-at-home order originally extended to Tuesday, April 7. The previous order extension, announced Friday, April 3, was set to expire Tuesday, April 21. It will now extend to Friday, May 1.

Wabash County under a code yellow travel advisory

The lowest level of local travel advisory, code yellow means that routine travel or activities may be restricted in areas because of a hazardous situation, and individuals should use caution or avoid those areas, according to the Indiana

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In 2019, the Dam to Dam Century Ride attracted nearly 800 cyclists to Wabash County from 18 different states across the U.S.

The cycling tradition continues

Registration for annual Dam to Dam Century Ride and new triathlon now open

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

For those who exercise, the COVID-19 pandemic has caused major disruptions in established routines.

But, outdoor bike riding is one activity you can still safely participate in.

"The great news is that the weather has broken and road cycling is here which means, riders will train just as they have in the past," stated Christine Flohr, Visit Wabash County executive director, in response to a Plain Dealer request Friday.

Visit Wabash County has announced registration for the Dam to Dam Century Ride and the DAM(N)!MAN! triathlon is now open, stated Whitney Millsbaugh, marketing manager.

Both events are part of the organization's Adventure Series.

The early bird registration fee for the bike ride is \$40 through May 31, however attendees can use promo code D2DSAVE10 to save \$10 for a limited time.

The price increases to \$50 beginning June 1. The registration fee for the triathlon is \$135, however participants can use promo code DM-SAVE40 to save \$40 for a limited time.

Registration is available

online or over the phone.

"Youth always participate for free thanks to the generosity of our sponsors," stated Millsbaugh.

Registration for both events includes breakfast, lunch and a free commemorative T-shirt and buff.

Limited edition short-sleeved jerseys will be available for purchase online at visitwabashcounty.com/adventure-series.

In 2019, the Dam to Dam Century Ride attracted nearly 800 cyclists to Wabash County from 18 different states across the U.S.

The addition of the DAM(N)!MAN! Triathlon will appeal to another target market garnering more attention for our community.

D!M! will take place on the same day as the Dam to Dam Century Ride -- Sunday, Sept. 13 -- and will incorporate the newest and longest 150-mile bike route, plus a 3.1-mile swim and will end with a 31-mile run.

Millsbaugh stated proceeds from the events are earmarked for upkeep of the signage along the Wabash County Bike Route, promoting and marketing Wabash County as an outdoor sports, recreation and fitness destination and overseeing the advancement of the Adventure Series each year.

Both events are Powered by INGUARD Health as the lead sponsor with "incredible support" from CARBON+ Level Sponsors: Parkview Wabash Hospital, Miller's Health Systems, Wabash County YMCA,



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For more information, visit www.visitwabashcounty.com/adventure-series or call 260-563-7171.

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ISDH to offer more COVID-19 testing sites

Four free COVID-19 drive-thru clinics offered through Wednesday

STAFF REPORT

The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) announced it will host free COVID-19 drive-thru testing clinics through Wednesday in Allen, Clark, Decatur and Lake counties, according to a press release.

The clinics will run from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day, "or until testing supplies run out."

"They are open to symptomatic healthcare workers, first responders and essential workers. Testing also is available to symptomatic individuals who live with one of these workers and

people who have symptoms of COVID-19 and underlying medical conditions that put them at higher risk, such as obesity, high blood pressure or heart disease," stated the release.

Locations include:

■ St. Timothy Church, 1600 W. 25th Ave., Gary.
■ Ivy Tech Community College Fort Wayne – Coliseum Campus, 3800 N. Anthony Blvd., Fort Wayne.

■ Decatur County Fairgrounds, 545 S. County Road 200 W, Greensburg.

■ Ivy Tech Community College Sellersburg, 8204 Highway 311, Sellersburg.

"Testing is limited to one individual per vehicle. All individuals must be Indiana residents and present state-issued identification at the time of testing," stated the release.

Parkview Health adds virtual COVID-19 symptom checker

The interactive tool allows patients to complete self- assessment, be directed to care

STAFF REPORT

Parkview Health has added a free COVID-19 Symptom Checker to its website, according to Tami Brigle, public relations manager.

The tool is available at parkview.com/covid19symptomchecker and allows patients to complete a self-assessment and be directed to appropriate care.

"If you think you may have symptoms of COVID-19 or believe you have been

exposed, you can use the Symptom Checker to walk through a self-assessment and get feedback on recommended next steps," stated Brigle. "The Symptom Checker replaces Parkview's previous online screening webpage for COVID-19. The new, more robust tool has been updated to follow the latest clinical guidance and direct patients to more options for treatment, including virtual health care, or in-person care at one of PPG's respiratory clinics or in an emergency room. It's important to remember that Parkview's Symptom Checker is an educational tool. It doesn't replace medical care, and patients should always call 911 or go to a nearby emergency room for urgent medical situations."

Positive Wabash County COVID-19 cases up to 10

ISDH adds another local result during Monday's update

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Monday, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) reported another positive case of COVID-19 in Wabash County.

That brings the local total to 10.

So far, there have been 105 total tests in Wabash County and no deaths.

Keith Walters, Wabash County Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency director, stated no additional information on local cases was available due to privacy concerns, in response to a previous Plain Dealer request.

Testing continues

In a televised press conference Friday, Dr. Kristina Box, state health commissioner, said they had reported 3,718 new test results that day, a new daily high total at that point.

Box said of the tests were received back, around 19 percent of those

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MCS honors academic excellence

Annual program canceled, but students still honored

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Manchester Community Schools (MCS), usually holds its annual Academic Excellence Awards Program around this time of year.

But, just like so many things, the word "usually" doesn't apply when it comes to 2020.

MCS would have held this celebration Wednesday, April 1, but COVID-19-related restrictions caused that plan to fall through, stated Missi Walt, executive secretary, in a statement to the Plain Dealer on Friday.

"However, we would like to recognize the award winners," stated Walt.

Walt stated a total of 184 students in grades four through 12 were recognized and honored for achieving a degree of academic success.

In response to a Plain Dealer request, Teresa Gremaux, MCS superintendent, stated each student's grade point average (GPA) must equal A- with not less than a B in all subjects taken for credit. The GPA will be figured from

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Coronavirus sickens Indiana mayor’s wife, kills her mother

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) — The wife of a southern Indiana mayor has been hospitalized for more than a week with a coronavirus infection and her mother died last week from the illness.

Bloomington Mayor John Hamilton’s wife, Indiana University law professor Dawn Johnsen, wrote in a Facebook post Monday that she was in her ninth day at IU Health Bloomington

Hospital. Johnsen said her breathing had improved and pneumonia eased in the last couple days, making her hopeful of returning home in the coming days. But Johnsen wrote that her 79-year-old mother, Carolyn R. Johnsen of Bloomington, died Thursday in the Philadelphia area, where she became ill with COVID-19 while visiting another family member. “Our family got to say

our goodbyes but, in these surreal, terrible times, only by phone, without the tender kisses and embraces we desperately wanted to share,” Johnsen wrote. A spokeswoman for the mayor’s office confirmed Dawn Johnsen’s Facebook posts and her mother’s death, but didn’t immediately provide information about whether Hamilton was ill or had been tested for the coronavirus.

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came back as positive.

However, Box said that this number may be misleading as only high-risk patients were initially tested. She said that figure may change as testing is opened up to more people who are less acutely ill.

“We expect to see that percentage decrease,” she said.

Statewide totals

On Monday, the ISDH announced that 505 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing at ISDH, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and

private laboratories. That brings to 11,686 the total number of Indiana residents known to have the novel coronavirus following corrections to the previous day’s total.

A total of 569 Hoosiers have died to date. Deaths are reported based on when data are received by ISDH and occurred over multiple days.

To date, 64,649 tests have been reported to ISDH, up from 61,142 on Sunday.

Marion County had the most new cases, at 172. Other counties with more than 10 new cases were Allen (25), Cass (16), Clark (15), Elkhart (13), Hamilton (22), Harrison (14), Hendricks (29), Johnson (16), Lake (77) and St. Joseph (13). The Lake

County totals include results from East Chicago and Gary, which have their own health departments.

The complete list of counties with cases is included in the ISDH COVID-19 dashboard at coronavirus.in.gov. Cases are listed by county of residence. Private lab reporting may be delayed and will be reflected in the map and count when results are received at ISDH. The dashboard will be updated at noon each day. The dashboard also has been updated to make corrections based on updated information provided to ISDH.

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the spring semester grades of the previous school year and the fall semester grades of the current school year.

Walt stated the Academic Excellence Program was funded this year through a donation from The Ford Meter Box Company.

“We wish to thank Ford Meter Box for the continues support of the academic success of our students,” stated Walt.

The following students were recognized:

Manchester Intermediate School

■ Grade Four – Awarded a Squire T-shirt: Cora Brown, Ella Peden, Luke Skendaj, Marysa Stroud, Lacy Trump and Lincoln Dean Young.

■ Grade Five – Awarded a Squire Towel: Brenna Betten, Ella Anne Biehl, Amayah Jones and Bethany Miller.

■ Grade Six – Awarded an Athletic Bag: Chase Blevins, Darci Brovont, Myla Crozier, Ava Felgar, Milo Hupp, Liam Kreps-Miller, Maggie White-Onderko, Lauryn Reichenbach, Raegen Shah, Daniel Skendaj, Alexander Weaver and Hadley West.

Manchester Junior-Senior High School

■ Grade Seven – Awarded a Squire Hoodie: Bella Bedolla, Marley Bellinger, Haylee Betten, Anna Bishir, Addison Brubaker, Dixie Burrell, Ayla Cashdollar, Brilee Enyeart, Kadence

Fox, Macy Greer, Wynter Harris, Kaleb Kline, Taryn Naragon, Citali Quiroz Alvarez, Audrey Sanson, Caleb Sautter, Molly Schannep, Hanna Stout, Simon Van, Carter Wagoner, Dawson Walker, Noelle Walt and Wyatt Young.

■ Grade Eight – Awarded a Blanket: Gracie Batalis, Carleigh Blevins, Leyna Borgmann, Isaiah Burlingame, Olivia Davis, Preston Duffy, Ava Egolf, McKelvey Espeset, Savannah Evans, Lily Flora, Evyn Fox, Payton Hamby, Jacob Hesting, Caysen Hobbs, Carolyn Hoffmeyer, Kaidyn Howard, Payton Jones, Sarah Kerlin, Mahayla Krom, Grace Laufer, Sophie Leckrone, Gavin Martin, Evan Martynowicz, Carly Metzger, Maegan Metzger, Malia Metzger, Aymia Miller, Julia Rosen, Brayden Sanson, Donald Shorter, Garrett Sites, Joshua Steely, Mirian Struble-Hedstrom, Emma Urley, Casen Vawter, Alexa Weaver and Dairish Zintsmaster.

■ Grade Nine – Awarded pens: Aliala Atienza, Mackenzie Beck, Tyler Benedict, Josie Briner, Will Brovont, Olivia Chavez, Tirstan Crum, Olivia Dale, Logan Dolbee, Jackson Felgar, Madison Gano-Eldridge, Traceson Gearhart, Kolby Haecker, Peyton Heltan, Delani Henderson, Jasmine Howard, Raven King, Abby Love, Caden Marcum, Hope Martin, Skye McCullough, Lanna Metzger, Jaci Naragon, Olivia Neal, Sarah Nuff, Kayden Schafer, Jalyann Simcoe, Muskaan Singh and Eli Sparks.

■ Grade 10 – Awarded Key Chains: Jackson Aus-

tin, Lauren Barrett, Logan Bishop, Gabriel Case, Jessica Dingess, Ethan Espeset, Ridge Fierstos, Justin Hall, Elise Harter, Sydni Herandez, Abigail Hesting, Kayla Hippensteel, Avery Howard, Cade Jones, Lydia Kerlin, Elizabeth Kiger, Alyssa Marvel, Morgan Metzger, Makenzy Meyer, Jade Michel, Emma Miller, Isaac Reichenbach, Frank Roth, Kindra Stetzel, Abbie Wampler, Ainsley West and Brady Wiley.

■ Grade 11 – Awarded Letter Jackets and Bars: Peyton Addair, Eva Bazzoni, Carter Bedke, Halle Briner, Elijah Burlingame, Lily Cornelius, Kaden Dillon, Alexa Donathan, Trescott Duffy, Carisa Edwards, Johnathan England, Alexia Hensley, Brayden Jones, Micaela Luevano, Quinn Martin, Kedrick Metzger, Kelsey Metzger, Gavin Mize, Margaret Myble, Erica Ortiz, Lilianna Popi, Luke Ramer, Jeremiah Rosen, Torina Runkel, Elaine Shock, Emma Slavkin, Hannah Stafford, Emily Stambaugh, Guy Stephan, Connor Truth, Carter Wilcox and Brittany Woodward.

■ Grade 12 – Awarded Senior Plaques and Bars: Elizabeth Brown, Mackenzie Day, Colton Dietl, Madison Evans, Korbin Kensley, Skyler Michel, Sarah Pegg, Anna Pyle, Rebekah Pyle, Samuel Reichenbach, Madisyn Schmidt, Justin Self, Avery Snyder and Caleb Stout.





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5-Day Weather Summary

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Few Showers	Few Showers	Few Showers
49 / 34	65 / 49	60 / 46	58 / 45	54 / 39

Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 8:34 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 6:58 a.m.

 New 4/22	 First 4/30	 Full 5/7	 Last 5/14
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Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly sunny skies, high temperature of 49°, humidity of 39%. Northwest wind 18 mph. Expect clear skies tonight, overnight low of 34°. West southwest wind 1 to 16 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 30°. Wednesday, skies will be mostly sunny, high of 65°, humidity of 40%.

No saliva test for Parkinson’s disease, research is promising

DEAR DOCTOR: What can you tell me about the new saliva test for Parkinson’s disease? My older sister just learned she might have Parkinson’s, but her doctors aren’t sure. Why is it so hard to diagnose?

DEAR READER: Parkinson’s disease is a progressive disorder of the nervous system that leads to a deficit of dopamine, which is a neurotransmitter. Neurotransmitters help nerve cells communicate with each other, and dopamine plays a crucial role in our ability to produce smooth, deliberate and sustained movement. It’s the loss of dopamine that gives rise to some of the symptoms of Parkinson’s, which include difficulties with walking and balance, tremors, slurred speech and rigidity. The disorder also affects sleep, smell and blood pressure.

Elizabeth Ko & Eve Glazier
Ask the Doctors



Diagnosing Parkinson’s disease can be difficult because the symptoms and their onset vary from person to person and are similar to other neurodegenerative disorders. There is no specific test for Parkinson’s disease, so emerging research into chemical changes in the saliva of Parkinson’s patients has drawn a lot of interest. While it’s true that some of this research shows promise in the area of diagnosis, at this time there is no saliva test for the disease.

Several studies have examined a range of biomarkers that are present in the saliva of people living with Parkinson’s. Many of them found significant differences when compared to the saliva of people without the disease. In a newer study, published earlier this year, researchers in India examined saliva samples taken from 76 patients living with Parkinson’s disease and samples from 37 healthy people, who served as controls. They found certain metabolic compounds in the Parkinson’s group saliva that suggest the disease process may be linked to an imbalance in the makeup and functioning of neurotransmitters, as well as to certain changes in the makeup of the gut microbiome.

This isn’t the first research to look into the potential role of the gut microbiome in neurodegenerative diseases such as Parkinson’s. The intestine is among the first organs affected by

Parkinson’s disease, and health care professionals have long noted that symptoms such as constipation and gastrointestinal distress often precede the onset of neurological symptoms.

Recent research has also highlighted the gut-brain connection. One study tracked patients who had portions of their vagus nerve surgically removed. Five years after the surgery, the group had a 40 percent lower incidence of Parkinson’s disease than patients whose vagus nerve remained intact. This is significant because the vagus nerve runs from the brainstem to the colon, a direct link between the brain and the gut.

In another study, mice bred to be susceptible to Parkinson’s disease developed symptoms when they were implanted with fecal samples

from Parkinson’s patients. The same type of mice implanted with fecal samples from healthy adults did not develop similar symptoms.

All of this has led to increasing interest in the idea that Parkinson’s disease originates in the gut and then spreads to the brain. Each new study sets the stage for further research into gut-based therapies, and even to a potential cure.

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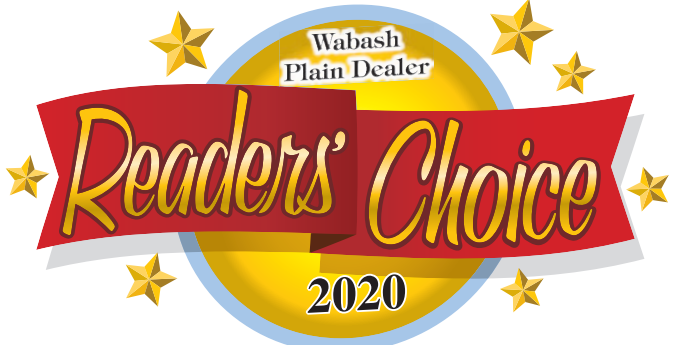
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Due to the COVID-19 and difficult times we all are experiencing in Wabash County at the present time, the Wabash Plain Dealer has made the decision to **postpone** the selection of the Reader’s Choice winners.

We will be re-running the ballot pages for you to submit your ballots for your favorite places at a later date to be announced.

READERS' CHOICE REPORTS

SUNDAY'S LOTTERIES

Cash 5
08-12-28-31-43
Estimated jackpot: \$90,000
Cash4Life
04-08-24-50-56, Cash Ball: 3
Daily Three-Midday
0-9-9, SB: 2
Daily Three-Evening
0-8-6, SB: 4
Daily Four-Midday
8-5-5-7, SB: 2
Daily Four-Evening
5-6-2-0, SB: 4
Mega Millions
Estimated jackpot: \$164 million
Powerball
Estimated jackpot: \$29 million

MONDAY'S METALS

Aluminum.....	67
Copper.....	2.35
Lead.....	75
Zinc.....	88
Gold.....	1,691.52
Silver.....	15.32
Platinum.....	58.58

AREA GRAIN

Estimated grain prices Monday at Indianapolis-area elevators: Corn: \$3.05. Soybeans: \$8.27.

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James Dorwin Summers

May 31, 1927 – April 17, 2020

James Dorwin Summers, 92, of rural Lagro, Indiana, died at 1:44 p.m., Friday, April 17, 2020 at his daughter's home in Wabash. He was born May 31, 1927 in Wabash County, to Carl S. and Marie (Crumrine) Summers. Jim was a 1946 graduate of Lincolnville High School. He married Marjorie Ellen McCoshim at the Lincolnville Evangelical United Brethren Parsonage on March 6, 1949. He was a retired farmer and a member of the Lincolnville United Methodist Church. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie Ellen Summers of Lagro, two children, Janice (Ron) Haney of Wabash, and William R. Summers of Lagro, granddaughter, Cori (Bryon) Horn and great-granddaughter, Ava Mae Horn, all of Columbus, Indiana, and three brothers, Jack (Carolyn) Summers and Robert "Bob" (Joyce) Summers, both of Wabash, and Bernard (Becky) Summers of Bedford, Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents, 5 brothers, and 3 sisters. Private graveside services will be in Mississinewa Cemetery, Somerset. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash. Preferred memorial is Lincolnville United Methodist Church. The memorial guest book for Jim may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.



Jean A. Waymire

Feb. 8, 1936 – April 17, 2020

Jean A. Waymire, 84, of rural Wabash, Indiana, went home to be with her Lord at 8:13 a.m., Friday, April 17, 2020 at her home. She was born Feb. 8, 1936 in Wabash County, Indiana to J. Howard and Bernice P. (Kamp) Hetzler. Jean was a 1954 graduate of Wabash High School. She married Hugh R. Waymire in Wabash on June 27, 1959; he died April 22, 2006. She was a beautician for 10 years, was the hairdresser for Hoover-Miner Funeral Home, and also cooked at Millers Merry Manor West, retiring in 2002. She enjoyed reading and working puzzles. She is survived by two sons, Hugh R. "Duke" (Jennifer) Waymire II and John V. Waymire, both of Wabash, two grandsons, Ethan



P.M. Waymire of Indianapolis, Indiana, and Derek J. Waymire of Wabash, two sisters, Dorothy (Richard) Merrick of Wabash, and Betty (James) Vrooman of Noblesville, Indiana, and her sister-in-law, Shelia Hetzler of Wabash. She was also preceded in death by her parents, and her brother, William Hetzler. Graveside services and burial will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 22, 2020 at Memorial Lawns Cemetery, 1100 Manchester Ave., Wabash with Solomon David officiating. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash. Preferred memorial is Creation Museum in Petersburg, Kentucky. The memorial guest book for Jean may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Jo Ann Hettmansperger

Nov. 14, 1933 – April 17, 2020

Jo Ann Hettmansperger, 86, of Indianapolis, Indiana, formerly of Wabash, died at 2:31 a.m., Friday, April 17, 2020 at Indiana University Health West in Avon. She was born Nov. 14, 1933 in Evansville, Indiana to Alvin and Pauline (Riecken) Koerner. Jo Ann was a 1951 graduate of Wabash High School. She married Buddy R. Hettmansperger, in Wabash, on January 13, 1952; he died June 17, 2006. Jo Ann worked at Data View, 1st National/WaBank in the trust department, was the deputy clerk at Wabash Circuit Court, was elected Clerk for Wabash Circuit Court serving from 1999-2001, and was a caregiver after retirement. She loved sports, country music, crafts, meditating, and was an avid reader. She is survived by two daughters, Nancy (Stephen) Stewart of Marco Island, Florida, and Lynne Green of Indianapolis, three grandchildren, Jennifer (Donald) Hilton of Noblesville, Indiana, Megan Hettmansperger and Justin Hettmansperger, both of Port Orange, Florida, and her cat, Gibbs. She was also preceded in death by her parents, and two sons, infant son Michael Hettmansperger and Dean Allen Hettmansperger, son-in-law, Charles Green, and her brother, Paul David Koerner. Due to the COVID-19 social restrictions, graveside services and burial will be private in Falls Cemetery, with David Phillips officiating. There will be a Celebration of Life service held at a later date. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash. Preferred memorial is Gleaners Food Bank, 3737 Waldemere Ave., Indianapolis, IN, 46241. The memorial guest book for Jo Ann may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.



NW Indiana man charged in the death of girlfriend's son, 5

SCHERERVILLE (AP) — A northwestern Indiana man has been charged with murder in the death of his girlfriend's 5-year-old son, whose bruised body had fresh bite marks. Michael J. Tunstall, 26, was arrested Friday on mur-

der and aggravated battery charges. The Schererville boy died Thursday from blunt force trauma to the head and torso/abdomen due to multiple heavy strikes that left him with a ruptured left lung, according to court documents.

Sophie Elle Egner

April 18, 2020 – April 19, 2020

Sophie Elle Egner was born April 18, 2020, to Joe and Brianne (Walgamuth) Egner and passed away on April 19, 2020. Sophie is survived by her parents; sister, Vivian; grandparents, Patrick and Shelly Walgamuth, Edward Egner, Daryl and Kelli Shoemaker; great-grandparents, Judy Walgamuth, Ethel (Ernie) McQueary, Carolyn (Kent) Harting and

Jim (Lisa) Shoemaker; aunts and uncles, Katie (Corey) Kosins, Erin (Charlie Peters) Egner, Caitlin (Matt Kopchinski) Jackson, Sydney (Brad Higginson) Jordan. Private services will be held Friday, April 24, 2020. Father Dennis DiBenedetto and Pastor J.P. Freeman officiating. Burial will follow at Oaklawn Cemetery. Arrangements are entrusted to McKee Mortuary.

Eddie D. Howard

Eddie D. Howard, 62, Piercetown, Indiana passed April 17, 2020. Born Aug. 6, 1957 in New London, Ohio, Eddie was one of seven children born to Rosco and Nora (Conley) Howard. Eddie D. Howard is survived by his father, Rosco Howard; daughters, Stacie (Bill) Patrick and April Howard; brothers, Wayne

Howard and Ralph Howard; sisters, Lena (Roger) West and Pauline (James) Hoover; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. A graveside service will be held Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at 2 p.m. at Hillcrest Cemetery, 7015 E. 350 S., Piercetown, Indiana 46562. Pastor Etsie Allen will officiate.

PULSE

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Department of Homeland Security.

Red Cross schedules blood donation for April 21

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 21 at First United Methodist Church, 110 N. Cass St.

Walorski to hold virtual informational session

Grow Wabash County has invited investors to join Rep. Jackie Walorski, R-Indiana, for a virtual information and question-and-answer session at 11 a.m. Friday, April 24 about COVID-19 and what's being done on the national level. For those interested in participating, complete the registration form at <https://tinyurl.com/r3pfwea> or email marketing@growwabash-county.com by Thursday, April 23 to receive the details about how to access this virtual session.

Closings announced due to COVID-19 concerns

■ Access Youth Center: All scheduled after school and weekend programming is canceled until further notice.
■ BMV: Closed until further notice. The phone number is 888-692-6841 and the lines are open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays. For more information, visit <https://www.in.gov/bmv/4363.htm>.
■ Community Foundation of Wabash County: Individuals with questions may email patty@cfwabash.org or julie@cfwabash.org, or call 260-982-4824.
■ Division of Family Resources: Offices closed until further notice. Visit the FSSA benefits portal at www.fssabenefits.in.gov. DFR staff is available by phone at 800-403-0864 to provide customer service from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Clients may also continue to send documents to DFR via mail at P.O. Box 1810, Marion, IN 46952.
■ Farm Service Agency: County offices are open in Indiana by phone appointment only until further notice, and staff is available to continue helping agricultural producers with program signups, loan servicing and other important actions. Call 260-563-7486.
■ Honeywell Foundation: All events at foundation properties including the Honeywell Center,

Honeywell House, Eagles Theatre, Dr. James Ford Historic Home and Charley Creek Gardens are suspended until further notice.

■ Living Well in Wabash County: The Community Cupboard pantry will operate as a drive-through with regular pantry hours, which are from 3 to 5 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays; closed Wednesdays; and open from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays. Senior lunches at Winchester Senior Center will be operated as a drive-through at the front door of the senior center from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. Lunch reservations continue to require 48 business hours of reservations. Seniors age 60 and older wanting a lunch must call Winchester Senior Center at 260-563-4475.
■ Manchester Community Schools: Closed through the rest of the school year.
■ Manchester University: Remote teaching for students will last through the end of the semester. Residence halls will close for the remainder of the semester. All campus activities for the remainder of the semester have been canceled or postponed.

■ MSD: Closed through the rest of the school year.
■ The North Manchester Center for History: Temporarily closed to the public. The Crossroads: Change in Rural America exhibit is available through video on the NHCH Facebook page at www.facebook.com/NorthManchesterHistory.
■ North Manchester Public Library: Closed until further notice. Except for hotspots, no materials will be due during the closure. All online events will stream on the NMPL Facebook at www.facebook.com/NorthManchesterPublicLibrary/ and will then be archived on the Online Programming Archive. For more information, email nmpl@nman.lib.in.us, call 260-982-4773 or visit www.nman.lib.in.us.
■ St. Bernard School: Closed through the rest of the school year.
■ Wabash Carnegie Public Library: Closed until further notice. Overdue fines for all times except Wi-Fi hotspots waived until further notice. For more information, email warew@wabash.lib.in.us or visit www.wabash.lib.in.us or www.facebook.com/WabashCarnegieLibrary.

■ Winchester Senior Center: All daily activities suspended until further notice.

■ New dates, postponements, cancellations set for Honeywell Center, Eagles Theatre events
■ Honeywell Center: Hairball rescheduled for Friday, Sept. 18. Big Bad Voodoo Daddy will be

City Hall number at 260-563-4171 will be answered by voicemail. Questions regarding COVID-19 can also be directed to the new email address at covid19info@cityofwabash.com. Anyone with questions should call 260-274-1485 or email mayor@cityofwabash.com.

■ Wabash City Schools: Closed through the rest of the school year. Current e-learning days include Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

■ Wabash Circuit and Superior Courts and Court Services (Probation and Community Corrections divisions): Closed to the public Wednesdays and Fridays through April 30.

■ Wabash County Courthouse and Wabash County Health Department: Closed to the public except by appointment. Payments and other documents for these offices may be placed in a large locked box located just inside the west basement door of the courthouse. For more information, visit www.wabash-county.in.gov or call the Courthouse at 260-563-0661 ext. 1222.

■ Wabash County Judicial Center: Closed to the public through April 30. A drop box is located outside, near the top of the stairs, for depositing payments and documents. The Wabash County Elections office may be reached at 260-563-0661 ext. 1238, Wabash County Circuit Court at 260-563-0661 ext. 1241, Wabash County Superior Court at 260-563-0661 ext. 1254, Wabash County Court Services at 260-563-8466 ext. 1276, Judicial Annex Court Security: 260-563-0661 ext. 1261 and Wabash County Clerk of the Courts: 260-563-0661 ext. 1239.

■ Wabash County Museum: Temporarily closed until further notice.

■ Wabash County Solid Waste Management District: Offices and warehouse closed to the public until further notice. 24/7 drop sites at 1101 Manchester Ave. and at the Hardware in North Manchester will remain open for regular recycling. For more information, call 260-563-7649.

■ Woman's Clubhouse: Closed through at least May 8.

■ WorkOne: Closed until further notice. Contact staff by phone at the Wabash location at 260-563-8421.

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Ramon Lynn Mattern

Sept. 19, 1938 – April 18, 2020

Ramon Lynn Mattern, 81, of Marion, Indiana passed away at 11:15 p.m. Saturday, April 18, 2020 at his home, after a long illness. Carey Services in Marion has furnished "special needs" for Ramon for several years. He was born Sept. 19, 1938 in Wabash to Jack W. and Arbutus M. (Williams) Mattern. He is survived by his loving companion, Shirley Puckett, two brothers, Jon (Shirley) Mattern and Steven (Judith) Mattern, and two sisters, Marilyn (John) Boardman and Jan-



et Johnson. Ramon grew up in Wabash, attended two years at Somerset School and worked for farmers. He loved to ride his bicycle all over. He attended the Wabash Alliance Church most of his life with his parents. In accordance with the COVID-19 social restrictions and a concern for public safety, there will be no visitation or service. Burial will be in Friends Cemetery, Wabash. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash.

Penny Sisto

Penny Denise Sisto, 55, of North Manchester, Indiana, died at 12:15 a.m., Monday, April 20, 2020, at her home.

Celebrations of life service will be at a later date. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Bender Chapel.

rescheduled but does not yet have a set date. "Finding Neverland" has been canceled and ticket holders will receive an email with information regarding their refund.

■ Honeywell House: Cabaret!!!, Dinner Chamber Series "Opus Two," Conversations on Renovation and Eagles Theatre Ballroom Dances into the Future will be rescheduled, but does not yet have a set date.

■ Eagles Theatre: Top of the Charts rescheduled for Thursday, June 18. Tribute to John Denver rescheduled for Thursday, July 23. Buckets N Boards will be rescheduled but does not yet have a set date.

Comedian Michael Palascak to perform at Lagro benefit event

"Dia de Lagro" will take place Tuesday, May 5 at the Eads Barn, 4725 E. 200 North, Urbana. Appetizers, cocktails, singer Kimberly Rutledge and Emcee Reed Christiansen are set to begin at 5:30 p.m. A Mexican-themed dinner, catered by Gallery 64, will begin at 6 p.m. with comedian Michael Palascak taking the stage at 7 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$75 each, \$125 per couple or \$500 for a table of eight. For more information, visit lagrocanalfoundation.com. Those interested in donating prizes for the silent auction or would like to become a main sponsor may email lagrocanalfoundation@gmail.com.

Red Cross schedules blood opportunity for May 13

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 13 at Richvalley Community Center, 56 W. Mill St.

Farmers market season set to begin May 16

The Downtown Wabash Farmers Market opens from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 16 in the Honeywell Center/Wabash Elk's Parking Lot. The market occurs every Saturday through Sept. 26. If you are interested in becoming a vendor or volunteering at the event, call 260-563-0975 or visit www.wabashmarket-place.org.

Editor's note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to news@wabashplainedealer.com no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.

Opinion

SPEAK UP

How to contact your legislators:

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LETTERS GUIDELINES

The Wabash Plain Dealer encourages your letters to the editor forum, which is designed to be a forum for exchange of ideas between readers about issues of community importance.

Please sign your letter. Your name will be used with the letter that is published in the Plain Dealer. Your letter will be returned if it is your desire to remain anonymous.

Since we may want to write or call you to verify the letter, we ask that you include your address and telephone number. All our letters to the editor are published in the interest of fair play, so we trust our letter writers will refrain from personal attacks on other persons or groups.

A letter should be less than two pages long, preferably of double-spaced typing.

In order to give everyone an opportunity to participate in this exchange of ideas, please try to limit your letters to one per month per household.

To submit a letter, please write the Wabash Plain Dealer at 99 W. Canal St., Wabash, IN 46992.

Letters also may be hand-delivered to the newspaper office, 99 W. Canal St. The office is open 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you should deliver a letter during non-business hours, a drop slot is located to the left of the front door. Letters may be faxed to 260-563-0816, or email them to news@wabashplainedealer.com with "Letters to the Editor" in the subject line.



Sing to God, sing in praise of his name, extol him who rides on the clouds; rejoice before him — his name is the Lord. A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling.

— Psalm 68:4-5

It's time to stop minimizing the impact of this virus

We can now officially put to rest all comparisons of COVID-19 to influenza. The numbers are in. Coronavirus is killing more Americans than the flu and almost everything else. According to data compiled by The Washington Post, COVID-19 is now the second leading cause of death in America.

In some parts of the country, it's way ahead. In Louisiana and Washington, D.C., more people died of COVID-19 during the first week of April than any other cause. In New York, it's not even close: 5,226 died in that state from the virus that week compared to 870 who died of heart disease.

The upward march of these numbers is steady and disturbing. The week of March 16, COVID-19 didn't rank among the 15 most common causes of death. The next

week, it ranked seventh. The following week, it moved up to third. The week of April 6, COVID-19 killed more people than anything besides heart disease. And it's likely to take the top spot soon. Possibly, it already has since news emerged last week of variations in the way different states report coronavirus cases.

This undated electron microscope image made available by the U.S. National Institutes of Health in February 2020 shows the Novel Coronavirus SARS-CoV-2, yellow, emerging from the surface of cells, blue/pink, cultured in the lab. Also known as 2019-nCoV, the virus causes COVID-19.

These statistics are based on seasonally adjusted averages for other causes of death. On an average week in April, 12,626 people die of heart disease in America. The first

week of this April, 12,392 people died of COVID-19.

These numbers are a tragic milestone, and they're also a verdict on attempts to downplay the severity of this event. Messaging from political leaders and some media voices early in this outbreak comparing it to the flu were wrong. They may have been well-intentioned efforts to keep people from panicking (though it's just as likely they were callow attempts to deny the future scientists were projecting) but that point is moot now.

We can put it to bed. Coronavirus is the most formidable public health threat in a generation. The time for minimizing is over. The time for aggressive testing, social distancing, and (hopefully soon) treatment is now.

This editorial was first published in The Dallas Morning News.



‘Progressive’ is as progressives don’t

By ERIC SCHANSBERG

In his book, "Profiles in Corruption," Peter Schweizer documents abuses of power among key national Democratic politicians. He calls them "progressives," but the targets also include those who are generally considered "moderate" among those on the Left. Even so, his focus is motivated by their common desire to greatly expand the size and scope of government. Of course, all of this is meant to improve the world, at least as long as it's run by elites like them.

The book's title is a spoof of John F. Kennedy's famous book, "Profiles in Courage." In contrast to the selfless and courageous service that could make government more effective, Schweizer is asking what our most avid big-government politicians have done with the power they wield. Quite reasonably, he notes that their checkered pasts make it problematic to honor their passion to wield even more power.

Schweizer's decision to ignore Republicans serves to narrow the field, but otherwise it's an unfortunate choice. It leads to the perception that he's a partisan hack. And certainly one could do a similar book on Republicans, motivated by their exaggerated or hypocritical claims to be "conservative" — fiscally or otherwise. Surely, he missed bigger fish in the GOP to describe smaller fish among the Democrats. Still, the book is worth a read, as far as it goes.

Whatever biases he might have, Schweizer certainly seems thorough — with 90 pages of endnotes. And apparently he's accurate. Although his reports are blistering, I only see a few partisan rebuttals on-line rather than a parade of lawsuits accus-

ing him of libel. (My only critique was his characterization of Elizabeth Warren on bankruptcy law. After reading and writing about her three books on public policy, I'm deeply troubled by her staggering hypocrisy on policy. Schweizer's criticism there, however, seems unwarranted.)

Early in the book, Schweizer takes a brief poke at the media. But his entire book is an indirect indictment of their failure to report on such things. He talks about Hillary Clinton (and the Clinton Foundation) in his introduction. And he provides smaller chapters on Eric Garcetti (mayor of Los Angeles) and Sherrod Brown (senator from Ohio and a potential choice for vice president) to fill out the book. But his top targets are six of the most prominent candidates for President in the current primary season.

Schweizer critiques Kamala Harris and Cory Booker for campaign-finance shenanigans. He criticizes Harris and Amy Klobuchar for selective enforcement of laws when they served as district attorneys — especially Harris, for the apparent connections to donor interests. (He also tags Klobuchar for her trouble with high levels of staff turnover.)

He underlines how massive corruption continued unabated in Newark under Booker — as well as his unseemly connections to Mercury Public Affairs and the Mueller investigation. And he details a staggering array of corrupt dealings in the Biden family — with son Hunter (in tandem with Devon Archer), sister Valerie, son-in-law Howard Krein and brothers James and Frank.

(Along the way, Schweizer also provides a variety of interesting biographical nuggets: Harris is a mix of Ja-

maican and Indian ancestry, with the latter influencing her religious beliefs. And she had an affair with Willie Brown — a prominent California politician, 31 years her senior — who helped to advance her career. Cory Booker has been active in and influenced by Judaism. And he is descended from slaves and slave-owners, making his argument for reparations seem especially strange.)

Schweizer describes Warren's use of "Native American" to advance her career, as well as her lucrative corporate consulting and the political connections she used to profit her daughter and son-in-law.

He points to Bernie Sanders for evasion of campaign finance information and enriching his family (girlfriend and then wife, Jane — as well as her daughter Carina and son David). Schweizer also discusses at length the unfortunate tenure of Sanders' wife as president of now-defunct Burlington College. And ironically, given their rhetoric, Schweizer notes that Sanders had few investments in "socially responsible" funds, while Warren had none.

Even though all of these politicians frequently talk about income and wealth inequality, they are part of the top tier in terms of income and wealth. More important, they're part of "the 1 percent" in terms of power. It seems naïve and damaging to give them even more weight. Schweizer makes clear that their use of power has been abusive, corrupt and regressive — rather than admirable, conscientious or "progressive".

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Tax day trade-offs

By CHRIS WATTS

April 15 usually marks Tax Day — but this year, it's just was another Wednesday, a reminder that nothing is "business as usual" in the middle of a global pandemic.

With large sectors of our economy shut down and unemployment claims soaring, extending the deadline to July 15 was the right thing to do as many Americans grapple with sudden hardship and uncertainty.

But the added time for taxpayers also adds to the financial challenges facing Indiana. For local governments, in particular, the chronology of tax collections makes a difference.

At the state level, Indiana's March revenue report offers clues to COVID-19's fiscal impact. Dine-in restaurant and bar restrictions started on March 16, many manufacturing plants were idled a few days later, and social distancing rules tightened over the next two weeks.

As a result, sales and income taxes (Indiana's two largest revenue sources) finished nearly \$35 million below monthly forecasts. Gaming and corporate taxes were also down sharply.

In total, March general fund revenues were \$63 million below what lawmakers anticipated to support the 2020 state budget. It's easy to extrapolate revenue losses totaling a billion dollars or more by the end of the calendar year.

Health and safety costs combined with mounting revenue decline will continue draining the state's rainy day funds. April is typically Indiana's biggest revenue month: With the tax deadline moved to mid-summer, state government faces short-term cash flow complications and a tougher budget climate for priorities like teacher pay when the General Assembly meets in January.

Local government confronts a longer timeline. Local income taxes are distributed to counties according to the previous year's tax returns processed by June 30. Since this year's filings are based on last year's income, it's two years between earning a paycheck and adding to local coffers.

So 2021 wouldn't be affected much by COVID-19...except for the delayed deadline. If a large number of Hoosiers wait until after June to file, local income tax revenues could decline next year — unless state policymakers decide to extend their calculations past the end of the fiscal year.

Regardless, local revenues will be affected by today's economic disruption in 2022 and beyond. A deeper recession will continue to take a toll on personal income and real estate values could follow, shrinking the property tax base and lowering tax levy limits.

Chris Watts is the president of the Indiana Fiscal Policy Institute, which is Indiana's only independent, non-partisan and non-profit research center focused on state and local tax and budgetary policies. Learn more at www.IndianaFiscal.org.

Is it government as usual?

By JASON ARP

Recently, our city council had its first somewhat regular meeting since the beginning of the great coronavirus panic. Something that night struck me as odd.

The schools have been closed. Restaurants, bars and entertainment venues have been shuttered. All "non-essential" businesses such as hair salons and music shops have been closed. Landlords are being told they can't evict for non-payment of rent. These draconian actions are and will continue to have drastic negative economic consequences.

But during this meeting it became clear that the city administration somehow thinks it is immune from all this. That night, the council approved two leases totaling \$16 million for new vehicles for the city. Many of these were for the utilities, parks and administrative departments. Only about \$6 million was for squad cars and fire trucks. Yet we were told that all the leases were essential for the business of the city.

In an exchange with the deputy controller, it became evident that the city is still expecting to collect taxes as if nothing has changed. When asked about expected delinquencies, the administrations response was that people paid their taxes in the mortgages and those have been in escrow for months. In reality, 60 percent of the property taxes in our county bare from non-residential sources, and nearly half of the residential properties do not escrow. Many residential properties are rentals or don't have mortgages.

The coming period of 30 percent unemployment caused by the various government edicts will have a dramatic impact on tax collections. When the owners of the retail and commercial institutions don't get their monthly rent checks from their shuttered tenants, it's likely they'll hold off on paying their property taxes. When landlords for the masses of unemployed service workers don't receive rent, they may delay payment until the second half of the year.

These are not sky-is-falling predictions. This is a likely scenario that could cause severe short-falls exacerbated by bonding of TIF districts. For instance, general funds may have to make the scheduled interest payments for projects like the baseball park that depend on retail shopping centers, namely Jefferson Point.

At that meeting, I asked the administration for a pro forma analysis showing the impact to each department of a drop in revenues. To date, council has not seen it. While in the real world things are anything but business as usual, the government sector seems to think it can go on spending without breaking stride.

Jason Arp, for nine years a trader in mortgaged-backed securities for Bank of America, was reelected this fall to his second term representing the 4th District on the Fort Wayne City Council. Arp has served on the Redevelopment Commission, the Community Legacy Investment Committee and as co-chair of the Finance Committee of the Common Council.

Deepening dementia causes awkward social situations

DEAR ABBY: During the past year, my wonderful father-in-law was widowed and became unable to live alone. He lives with us now and is part of our daily life. However, he has dementia. He is still quite social and verbal. If you met him, you might not realize that his short-term memory rarely functions or that the filters his well-educated and proper man once had no longer work 24/7.

Dear Abby



Recently, he has started ogling women and making comments about their physical attributes when we go grocery shopping or take a walk. He is also starting to confuse the women's roles in our household (me, my daughter, daughter-in-law and niece), which has become even more awkward. My daughter confided that he made a sexual comment about me. (I'm a middle-aged, no-nonsense kind of woman.)

How does one approach such a situation? We don't want someone slapping him – or worse. I can say, "That's not appropriate," then deflect or laugh it off at home, knowing he won't remember what he said 20 minutes later, but how do we make the best of these circumstances without diminishing his outside social experiences? Moving him to a senior living community is not an option at this point for financial reasons. – Caregiver With A Problem

DEAR CAREGIVER: It's time for you to contact the Alzheimer's Association. It offers guidance for caregivers like you. Changes in behavior caused by Alzheimer's and other dementias are challenging. It's important to remember that these behaviors are the result of a damaged brain and not something the person is doing purposely.

If inappropriate behavior occurs in public, be consistent and kind, but firmly remind the person that the behavior is not OK. It may help to distract the person from the immediate situation by directing their attention elsewhere or giving them something else to do.

Caregivers can create "business cards" stating briefly, "My companion has dementia. Please be understanding." Caregivers would give these to hosts and hostesses when entering restaurants, or discreetly hand them to salespeople if situations start to deteriorate because the companion exhibits unusual behavior or lack of a verbal filter.

Be transparent with family and friends about the person with the disease. When they understand what's causing these behaviors and that the individual needs their help and compassion, they tend to be less reactive or judgmental. The Alzheimer's Association may be reached online (alz.org) or via the toll-free helpline (800-272-3900). Please don't wait.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a teen living with a foot in each world. My parents are religious and don't approve of my sexuality (I am bisexual), and my peers harshly stereotype my beliefs. I feel rejected by both worlds, and I'm trying to make it until I'm 18 so I can leave the situation.

Lately, things have taken a turn for the worse. Both sides won't accept me until I am completely Christian or completely not Christian. Is there any advice you can give me? – Teen In Turmoil

DEAR TEEN IN TURMOIL: Just this. You are a teenager. There are better days ahead for you. Your current circumstances may be unpleasant, but they won't last forever. If living your truth will result in your being shunned, do whatever you must to survive for now.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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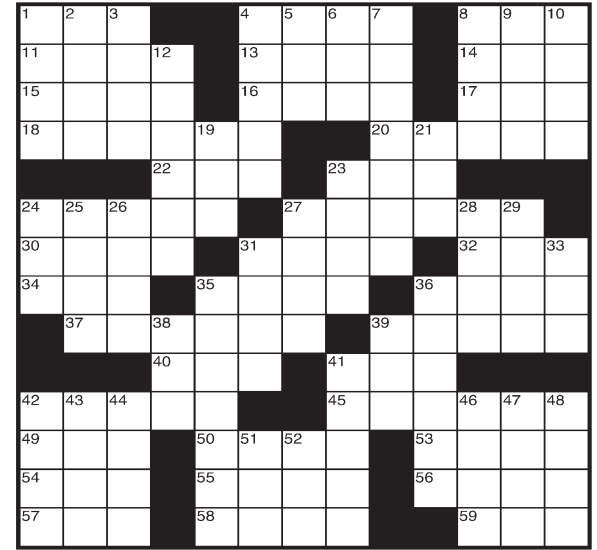
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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Saturday's Jumbles: JOKER CRIMP POETRY TATTLE
Answer: The dogs learned to use tools so they could work on their — PET PROJECT

Answer to Previous Puzzle



6 Good connections

7 "Lionhearted" king

8 Uproars

9 Sudden burst

10 Water, in Baja

12 Acid neutralizer

19 Ben & Jerry rival

21 Unmatched

23 Egg on

24 Suffix for hero

25 Resurfaces a road

26 Quite similar

27 Shed tools

28 Latin I verb

29 Glut

31 Tinware

33 Canucks' org.

35 Helms

36 Prompt (2 wds.)

38 Tire filler

39 Golfer — Woosnam

41 Beef dish

42 Stand by

43 Big Island port

44 Casually

46 Lubricates

47 Verne captain

48 Arrogant person

51 Famous chairman

52 Dept. head

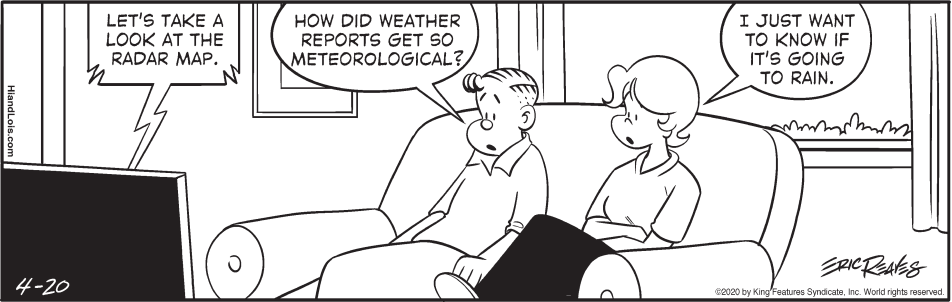
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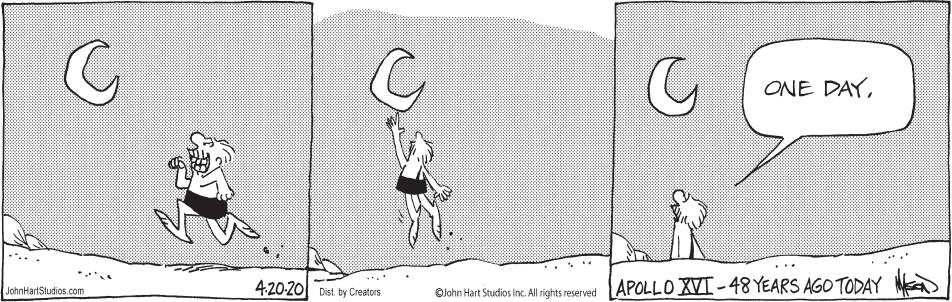
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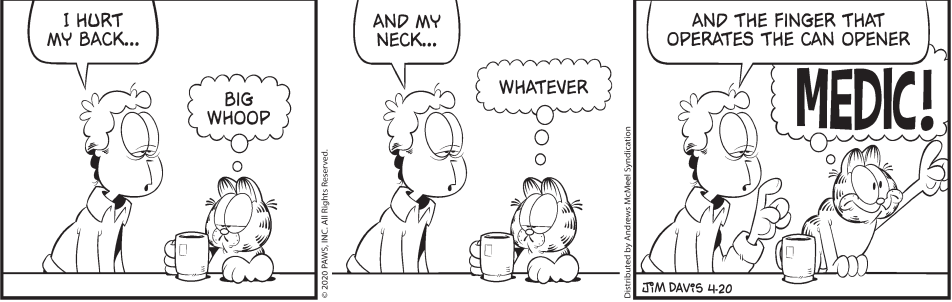
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FORT KNOX



Times have changed, human nature hasn't

Q: All my life I've heard: "When in Rome, do as the Romans." Does the Bible support Christians living according to worldly customs and bringing that lifestyle into the church? — N.C.

A: Ancient Rome had a false notion that a person's conscience could be controlled by law, so they made it illegal to be different. All had to bow to Caesar and conform to pagan custom. Nonconformists were threatened with death, and many chose death rather than to conform to Rome and compromise their thinking.

The apostle Paul, a Roman citizen, took up his pen and wrote words for all Christians of all times: "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good

and acceptable and perfect will of God" (Romans 12:2).

Times have changed, but human nature hasn't. The world is still trying to put its stamp of conformity on every follower of Jesus Christ. Every possible pressure is being brought to bear upon Christians to make them conform to the standards of the world.

Paul urges Christians to be nonconformists as far as the world system is concerned but be conformed to the image of Christ, to follow in His steps and live righteously.

In our desire to make Christ

known and to increase the influence of the church, we are prone to think that Christians and the church can be made popular with the unbelieving world. This is a grave mistake.

Satan's most effective tools are conformity and compromise. He wants believers to conform to worldliness in their thinking, language, and behavior, but the world's system contaminates the mind. Turn to Scripture and think on the things of God. "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 2:5).

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos
Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

"DFV ZCJ UD ZKKEHJWG FL LZGJ
ZNESJ ZG ZW ZUYFNVGJND KCEGEKZN
BFBJWG EW GXJ XEYGFCD FL FVC
RNZWJG." — KZCN YZOZW

Previous Solution: "I never tried to prove anything to someone else. I wanted to prove something to myself." — Kobe Bryant

TODAY'S CLUE: A sjenba S

Teen’s graduation party plans hurt his stepmom’s feelings

DEAR ABBY: I really could use some outside advice. I am a step-mother who raised my husband’s 18-year-old son, “Todd.” We have given him a loving home. Todd’s abusive mother abandoned him at 16, and he has lived with us ever since.

Dear Abby



I have been a caring and generous mother to him since he was 6. I have always gone out of my way to make sure he feels comfortable, loved, fed, etc. So I couldn’t help but feel slapped in the face when he told me he doesn’t want to have his graduation party at our home. He said he is having it at his friend’s parents’ house. This is the same couple who disapproved of their son spending time in our home while the boys grew up because we’re not their religion.

I don’t know how to handle this gracefully without feeling hurt or refusing to be a part of it. I know this may seem childish, but it’s how I feel on the inside. Can you help me? — Disappointed In The Midwest

DEAR DISAPPOINTED: It might help to realize this isn’t a personal slap in the face. His friend’s parents may have something special planned that Todd doesn’t want to miss. It has nothing to do with your parenting and plenty to do with his level of immaturity and perhaps the appeal of the other house. (Ask him.) Please be smart and refrain from making this about you, because it isn’t.

DEAR ABBY: My husband has reconnected with an ex-wife from more than 50 years ago. He found her on Facebook. They chat every day, several times a day. Before he reconnected with her, he would talk about her, how she was his first love and he would always have a special place for her in his heart, even though she cheated on him and left him. Now he has begun calling her a pet name he used to call me. Is this cheating, or am I overreacting? — Betrayed In Ohio

DEAR BETRAYED: You are not overreacting. Your husband is involved in an emotional affair. For the sake of your marriage, it needs to stop. If he won’t accept it from you, perhaps he will listen to his religious adviser, a marriage counselor or your lawyer. Do not try to fight this alone; you may need their help along the way.

DEAR ABBY: My husband of 63 years died three years ago. He was sexually abused by a family friend when he was very young and never disclosed it. He shared it with me some 20 years after our marriage and asked me not to tell our four children.

At some point, I shared it with my grown daughter, but not my three grown sons. Was I wrong to do this? My daughter feels I should tell them, and I sort of agree. Their relationship with their father was loving, but also strained. Should I tell them now or let it be? — Unsure In Michigan

DEAR UNSURE: I agree with your daughter. Because the sexual abuse your husband suffered may have affected the relationship he had with your sons, it might be helpful if they understand the reason why it was the way it was. Sunshine on dark places can yield positive outcomes.

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Unhappy
- 4 Top NCO
- 7 Brickmaker’s oven
- 11 Flamenco shout
- 12 “Wool” on clay sheep
- 14 Kind of rug
- 15 Hagen of “The Other”
- 16 Excuse me!
- 17 Pink
- 18 Standoffish ones
- 20 Tilts
- 22 Amatol ingredient
- 23 Unusually bright
- 24 Long time
- 27 Straight
- 30 Sea eagle
- 31 Square dance partners
- 32 Chart shape
- 34 Lapel ornament
- 35 Suitcases
- 36 Kitchen meas.

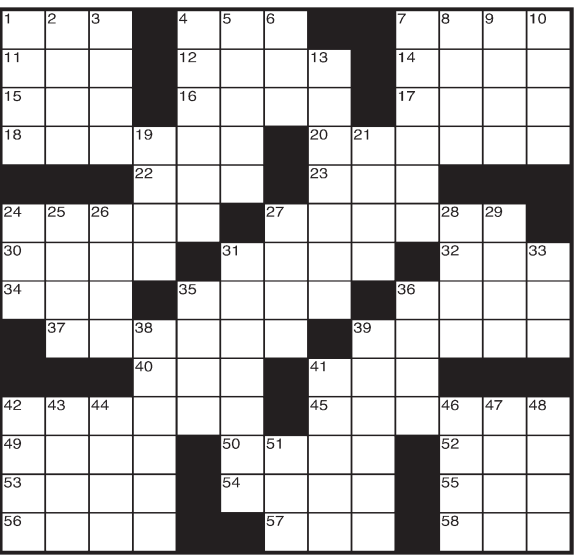
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- 1 Type of mate
- 2 Low voice
- 3 Dizzy of baseball
- 4 Disdains
- 5 Specter
- 6 Gratuity

Answer to Previous Puzzle



- 7 Martial art
- 8 Do a laundry chore
- 9 For fear that
- 10 Opposing votes
- 13 Besets
- 19 To be, to Henri
- 21 Hosp. workers
- 24 Cowboy’s affirmative
- 25 QB — Kramer
- 26 Murray or Rice
- 27 Fails to keep up
- 28 Lhasa —
- 29 Splits open
- 31 Long chat
- 33 Wind dir.
- 35 Kind of eagle
- 36 Junket
- 38 Scram! (2 wds.)
- 39 Puck stopper
- 41 Trojan War story
- 42 Nowhere near
- 43 Tree trunk
- 44 Clancy hero Jack —
- 46 “Shucks!”
- 47 Bonn article
- 48 Turnpike
- 51 Finner’s cry



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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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8	4	3	5	7	2	9	1	6

JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

TOMOT

HXSIT

BILFUA

AARMCE

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Yesterday’s Jumbles: DUNCE KNACK PODIUM FACTOR Answer: The circle had been sick for a while but was happy to be — UP AND AROUND

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

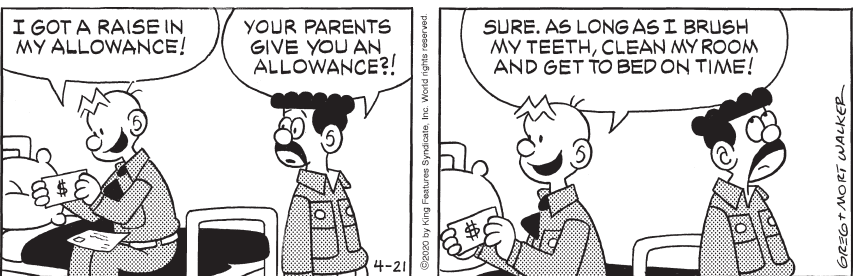
THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



“Is that your chemistry set?”

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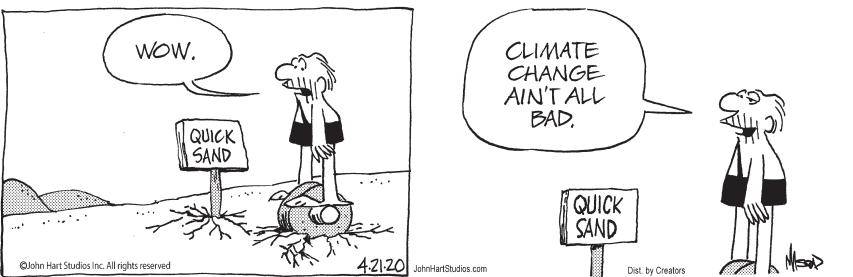
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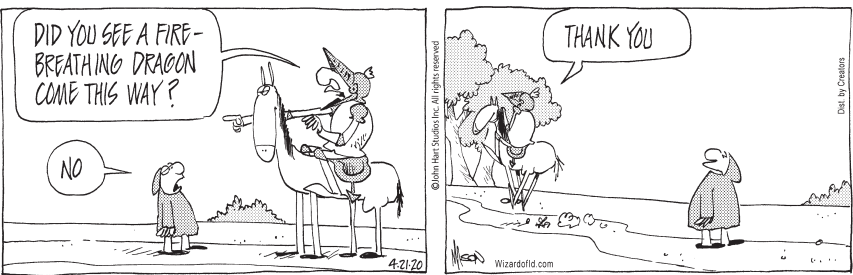
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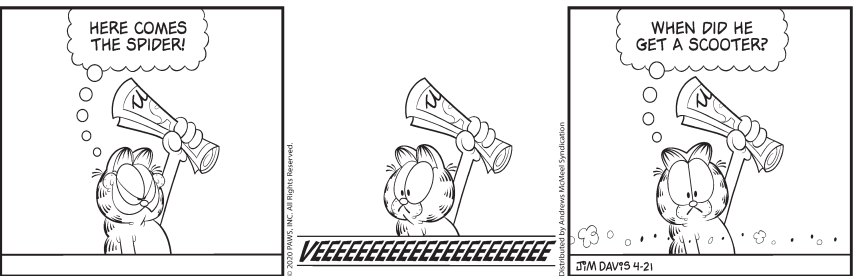
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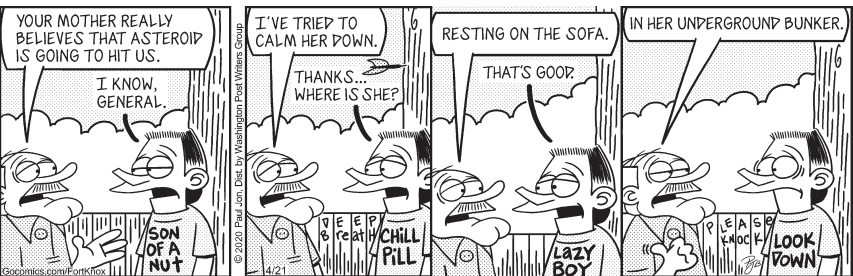
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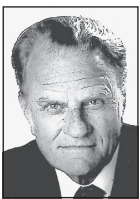
PICKLES



Commitment to Christ means burning the bridges of sin

Q: I’ve been saved by Jesus Christ and have conquered a lifetime of alcohol and drug abuse. My friends have parted company with me because they think me a religious fanatic. What can I do? — R.F.

Billy Graham
My Answer



A: It’s strange that the world accepts enthusiasm in every realm except the spiritual. The world appreciates and understands emotion and enthusiasm, unless it is religious, then immediately it is suspect.

People can go crazy over the World Series or the Super Bowl. People can don political buttons, hats and T-shirts and be accepted as “all in.” Others can obsess about their financial status and the world respects their success. Young people can scream until they’re hoarse amidst the hype of a rock concert. But bring the same excitement

into living a life for Christ and the world thinks we’ve lost our minds.

This is what people thought about the disciples after Jesus was crucified and resurrected, but they didn’t allow what others thought to deter them from what they believed, and they turned the world upside down (Acts 17:6).

Make no mistake, commitment to Christ means burning the bridges of sin and its influence. There is a high price to commitment. Jesus never offered a bargain. He expects His followers to

clean up their lives and that is why He sent His Spirit to help. He gives power and encouragement to live for Him, “purify[ing] for Himself His own special people” (Titus 2:14).

Christians should be so intoxicated with Christ and filled with righteous living that nothing could ever quench their passion. While most of the crowd will turn their backs on Christianity, there will be some that may be impacted by the strong testimony of another that brings conviction to their own souls.

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AKWP XHPAV.” — LZUXM OXVLKR

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Business

Ninety days – and then what?

An Arizona couple can no longer afford their monthly mortgage payment, so they did what housing experts recommend after being laid off or losing work because of the coronavirus. They contacted their loan servicer to talk about their options. They were told they could miss payments for three months. Then came the catch. All of their back payments would need to be paid in a lump sum once the three months were over. “We would have to accumulate over \$5,200,” the couple wrote in an email. “If by some miracle we were able to come up with that money, another mortgage payment of \$1,300 would be due at the same time.” Mike and his wife, who asked that their last name not be used, live in Southern Maryland and run a photo-booth rental business. The spring and summer are typically their busiest times of the year, filled with proms and weddings. But such events are now prohibited to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. “We were looking at this being a breakout year,” the

Michelle Singletary



Their lender gave them a 90-day forbearance on their mortgage, which is backed by the federal Department of Veterans Affairs. The forbearance allows them to pause their mortgage payments for three months. But under the agreement, they will have to come up with \$4,800 at the end of that span. “How are we going to make this payment at the end of 90 days if we’re all locked in?” they asked. Gail, like so many other readers, recounted a similar story. Her lender is a major credit union. At the end of Gail’s forbearance, she’ll owe all four months, “making my payment a little less than \$6,000,” she wrote. “It’s just absurd that anyone could think that this would be the appropriate thing to ask of people who are in this situation that so many people

couple said in an interview. The couple managed to make April’s mortgage payment, but they’ll struggle in the months to come. “The 2008 Great Recession exposed major flaws in the U.S. mortgage-servicing infrastructure,” wrote researchers at the Urban Institute’s Housing Finance Policy Center in a recent blog post. In the last recession, the Urban Institute notes, the federal government eventually stepped in with programs that provided some standardization of assistance. Many private lenders copied the government’s relief guidance. The result was a menu of foreclosure alternatives that could be implemented on a massive scale. But “the economic downturn resulting from COVID-19 will be the first time these enhancements are tested in real time,” the researchers wrote. “The question is whether they are adequate and, if not, what more needs to be done to improve them.” Forbearance requests increased by 1,270 percent

between the week of March 2 and the week of March 16, and another 1,896 percent between the week of March 16 and the week of March 30, according to the Mortgage Bankers Association. As part of the recent \$2 trillion stimulus package, collectively titled the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, homeowners were provided with two types of protection. One is a foreclosure moratorium. Your lender or loan servicer can’t begin or proceed with a foreclosure for 60 days, a moratorium that started on March 18. If you’re experiencing financial hardship because of the coronavirus pandemic, the CARES Act gives you the right to ask for an initial forbearance of up to 180 days. If you need additional relief, you are entitled to an extension for another 180 days. Interest still accrues, but fees and penalties are waived. To qualify for the forbearance, your loan must be federally owned or backed by one of these federal agencies or entities: Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Federal Hous-

ing Administration (FHA), Department of Agriculture (USDA direct and guaranteed loans) or Department of Veteran Affairs (VA loans). Despite the federal promise of extended relief, many lenders are proceeding with the shorter 90-day forbearance, worrying people that foreclosure proceedings might start if they can’t pay up when the 90 days are over. Then there are folks with mortgages that aren’t covered by the CARES Act because the loans are not backed by the federal government. Investors who own these mortgages get to set the terms of any assistance. For now, Sitkin says, take what your mortgage lender is offering. Later on, if you’re still struggling and fear you cannot make a hefty lump-sum payment, here are some options that might be available by the time your forbearance ends. ■ A loan modification. This option would change the terms of your loan, perhaps even lowering your monthly payment. Or, your loan could be recalculated and the arrears added to the loan balance, which might make your monthly payments go up. ■ A repayment plan. You would be allowed to spread out your past-due payments. The repayments would be added to your current mortgage balance. ■ A loan extension. Your delinquent balance would be added to the back end of your loan. The past-due payments would effectively extend the term of your loan. Fear is overwhelmingly present when I talk to homeowners about their financial situation. The forbearances help but only push the problem down the road. However long this crisis lasts, it’s vital that lenders provide borrowers with a clear and reasonable path to repayment. Readers can write to Michelle Singletary c/o The Washington Post, 1301 K St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20071. Her email address is michelle.singletary@washpost.com. Follow her on Twitter (@SingletaryM) or Facebook (www.facebook.com/MichelleSingletary). Comments and questions are welcome, but due to the volume of mail, personal responses may not be possible. Please also note comments or questions may be used in a future column, with the writer’s name, unless a specific request to do otherwise is indicated.

Here’s what you should and shouldn’t do with your stimulus check

It’s been a surreal tax season. April 15 normally finds people rushing to get their tax returns completed on time and pay what they owe. Instead, with the tax filing deadline moved to July 15, the focus this week is on, “Where’s my stimulus payment?” The anticipation around the \$1,200 payments, which are part of the \$2 trillion coronavirus stimulus package, has the hashtag #StimulusCheck trending on Twitter. A reader from New Jersey with a family of five emailed me to say, “Just checked bank account, showing ‘IRS tax relief’ payment pending.” The Treasury Department says 80 million Americans should receive their payments via electronic deposit by April 15. But if you don’t see your money this week, don’t worry. It’s coming. The first payments are being automatically sent to people who filed either a 2018 or 2019 federal tax return and received a refund using direct deposit, according to Treasury. Mailed checks, to filers who gave no bank information to the IRS, will start going out before the end of April. Individuals who receive Social Security, survivors or disability benefits or Railroad Retirement benefits will automatically receive the \$1,200 stimulus payments if they are eligible. The funds will arrive as a direct deposit or by paper check, just like a regular benefit payment. To get their payments, low-income Americans, veterans and others eligible for the stimulus funds who aren’t required to file a federal return can now use a tool the IRS launched last week. At the website irs.gov, look for the heading “Non-Filers: Enter Payment Info Here.” For those who have already filed but didn’t provide the IRS with bank information, the best way to get your money sooner is to take advantage of the agen-

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cy’s “Get My Payment” feature, due to launch later this week, on IRS.gov. That tool will enable you to enter your bank routing and account number to get your payment electronically. So what will people be doing with their stimulus dollars? A new poll by Gallup found that 35 percent of Americans intend to use the money to pay bills. Another 16 percent plan to purchase essential items like food or gas. Twenty-nine percent will save or invest the funds. Smaller percentages plan to donate the checks to charity or spend on non-essential items. The poll, conducted April 6-12, found that 13 percent of U.S. adults are not expecting to receive a stimulus payment, despite the government’s assurance that nearly every American will get one. Under the economic relief package, individuals are due \$1,200 if their adjusted gross income (AGI) is \$75,000 or less. Couples will receive \$2,400 if their AGI is \$150,000 or less. Recipients with children under 17 get an extra \$500 per qualifying child. You’ll receive a reduced payment if your AGI falls in the following ranges: ■ \$75,000 and \$99,000/ single or married, filing separately ■ \$112,500 and \$136,500/head of household ■ \$150,000 and \$198,000/married, filing jointly Payments are trimmed by \$5 for every \$100 of income above the low end of the dollar range for your filing status. Individuals with an AGI of more than \$99,000 don’t qualify for a stimulus payment. If you earn more than \$136,500 and file as head of household, you likewise do not qualify for a payment.

The cutoff for couples is \$198,000. You also won’t get a payment if someone else can claim you as a dependent on a tax return. The IRS says it will mail a letter to your last known address 15 days after sending your payment. The letter will explain how your payment was made and tell what to do if it doesn’t arrive. If you don’t already have plans for how to spend your stimulus payment, here’s what I recommend: ■ Spend it on necessities. If you’ve been using credit to get by, use the money to avoid piling on more debt. ■ Save it. Now is the time to hoard cash. If you’re still working, start or build up your emergency fund. Your job may not be in jeopardy now, but it could be down the road. ■ Don’t dump it on debt. Your credit card debt is not a priority. If your income has dropped or stopped, ask for a payment break from your card issuer. If you think you may be laid off or furloughed, just make the minimum payment due on your credit card. ■ Help others. I received the following email from a reader: “I have the power of attorney for my 94-year-old mother and received notice this morning that her bank received \$2,400. She is a widow. My father died in April 2018. I guess because her 2018 return is a joint one, this automatically generated the double payment. We haven’t completed her 2019 return. She doesn’t ‘need’ the stimulus [money]. I will donate both payments to a local non-profit.” Readers can write to Michelle Singletary c/o The Washington Post, 1301 K St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20071. Her email address is michelle.singletary@washpost.com. Follow her on Twitter (@SingletaryM) or Facebook (www.facebook.com/MichelleSingletary). Comments and questions are welcome, but due to the volume of mail, personal responses may not be possible. Please also note comments or questions may be used in a future column, with the writer’s name, unless a specific request to do otherwise is indicated.

Business tax deadlines remain unchanged for upcoming months

Indiana DOR clarifies dates for Hoosier businesses

STAFF REPORT


The Indiana Department of Revenue (DOR) has recently announced several tax filing and payment deadline extensions as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, however, filing and payment requirements and dates for taxes collected by businesses remain unchanged, according to a

press release. Business taxes, including sales, withholding income, food and beverage, county innkeeper’s and heavy equipment rental excise tax remain due on the standard due dates as listed on DOR’s website at dor.in.gov/3344.htm. “Interest and penalties will apply if filing and payment deadlines are missed and will not be automatically waived,” stated the release. “Filing on time is critical. After completing the required filing, if a business owner is unable to




make a scheduled payment, payment plans are available.” DOR’s Customer Service Team is available to help answer questions and set up payment arrangements from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Customers with questions regarding sales, county innkeeper’s or food and beverage taxes should call 317-233-4015. Customers with questions regarding withholding income tax should call 317-233-4016. For more information, visit dor.in.gov/7078.htm.

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